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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW TURNOUTS AND SHOULDER WORK COMING TO HWY. 41

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – A project to improve Hwy. 41 between Morro Bay and Atascadero will begin on Monday, August 7. A new turnout will be added for vehicles on both sides of the summit. The turnouts will be built about one-half mile west and east of the summit and will allow slower vehicles to move to the right side of the highway. The shoulders in the area will also be widened.

The work will take place between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. There will be one way traffic control with flaggers and electronic message boards to alert motorists of this work. Traffic delays should not exceed 15 minutes.

The construction phase of this work should be completed by late November.

Landscaping should be completed in a few years. The contractor for this \$800,000 job is

Granite Construction.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm

